

## NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

**Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place  
in the Greatest State in the Union.**

### The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Very Little Actual Manual Labor.

The Anti-Horse Thief Association has organized in the Cary and Mayview school districts in Carroll county.

A "rep" show in North Missouri is traveling lighter after an engagement at Keokuk, where a part of the baggage was left to secure a board bill.

The new year begins with Friday and will end with Friday. The new constitutions should do their worrying now, before their new year starts out.

The merchants of Versailles bought in one day last week a total of four thousand turkeys, for which they paid about \$8,000, an average of 12 per head.

It is reported that more than one hundred head of stock in the country have died from a disease on which veterinarians disagree in diagnosis.

A "strong man," after exhibiting himself in tests of strength which included bending an iron bar with his teeth, parking at a Novato hotel and

complained because the beefsteak was tough.

A physician at Elko went to St. Louis and secured a 2-year-old boy from an orphan's home. He presented the boy to his wife as a Christmas present.

Some fellows just got mad over any little thing. A Monroe county man is mad for a divorce because his wife broke two of his ribs with a stick of stove wood.

The Gentry Sentinel is authority for the story of the sale of an ear of corn in Andrew county for \$13.59. It is said the ear will form part of an exhibit at the San Francisco Exposition.

Talk about your grown-up relatives! Mrs. Phoebe Matthews, of Raymore, is wearing a silver ring that was cut in two and taken off the finger of a gentle killed in the battle of Chillicothe, according to the Harrisonville Democrat.

The Almond Times reports that a spilt of gold humor was found in an old bird nest near there, many

shrewd persons of that vicinity have taken up in a casual sort of way the study of ornithology.

A Cedar county farmer driving to Eldorado with a load of corn saw a cow of quite by the roadside. Grabbing a big ear of corn he threw it so completely into the bunch of birds that he killed three of them.

Incomplete returns from Boone county show at this writing that fifteen homicides have occurred within its borders in the last four years. Four of the killings have taken place since September 1, 1914.

Having qualified by experience, a Mount City elder inaugurating a campaign against cigarette smoking. This reformer is 18 years old and declares he has smoked one hundred and twenty thousand cigarettes.

Declaring that he had no desire to be buried in Mexican soil Frank Murray, for seventeen years a railroad conductor running out of the city of Mexico on the Mexican Central, has quit the job and finds life pleasant among old friends at Brookfield.

Noting that an exchange says you tell a horse's age by feeling the skin on its cheek, the Louisiana Press-Journal says you can tell a woman's age the same way, but does not advise such procedure.

As a flock of tame little sparrows were taking a dust bath on the Harrisonville square, a sparrow hawk swooped down and singled out its victim. The sparrow and the pursuing hawk flew against a plate glass store window, with such a force that both were instantly killed.

Too many trading knives. In the pockets of a youth arrested at Republic resulted in his conviction on a larceny charge. The defendant had fortune knives and razors which later were identified as the property of a local firm.

Chester Major, on recommendation of the state board of pardons and paroles, paroled Henry Lemon, who was sent to the penitentiary from Platte county in August, 1914, for five years for forgery. He is paroled to Mrs. James Watson of Dearborn, Platte county.

The Missouri penitentiary has more inmates at this time than ever before in its history. On Dec. 29 the toll call showed 1,571 inmates. The prison is very crowded and it is with difficulty that the inmates can be accommodated.

With the head party blown off by a shotgun and the rest of the body badly burned, the body of James Barnes, a roofer, was found in the fireplace of his home five miles east of Tuscarro Sunday. Robbery is believed to have been the motive for the murder, but the police have no clues.

A Waulessburg man was in a garage talking over the telephone which was fastened to a board partition in the entrance. When air automobile came in and brushed against him, he had to withdraw through the partition, inflicting him considerably.

Met P. Riedy of the Waulessburg Democratic likes to meet old timers and swap stories with them and when a Waulessburg pioneer dropped in the other day and reviewed the grass-roots invasion of the early '80s, the editor felt as good as if he had taken a dose of medicine.

It has been said that "marrying while you're young" had been relegated to the days of our grandparents, when sixteen was the proper age for marrying. This has been upheld, however, at least for a while, as a young man, 17, and a young lady, 15, were married at LaMoore last Saturday.

Mrs. Della Wilson, while alighting from a train at Hale, broke her ankle. She sued the railroad for damages of \$1,000. The evidence showed that she wore high heels and a skirt 32 inches wide. The jury decided the skirt and shoes caused the fall, not the railroad, and brought in a verdict for no damages.

Chicago robbers sing while they hold up their victims. In New York it is done while the camera is giving the air of a moving picture rehearsal. The methods of Kansas City are still too gross to be a source of state pride, but so far there has been no complaint of inefficiency, says the Nevada Post.

A butcher in Salisbury killed a four-year-old cow a week ago that had a stomach that would put the ostrich to shame. In the food receptacle he found 88 rats, 4 ticks, 4 shot shells, piece of barbed wire, a washer,

feuse staple, bone supports, buckle and other goods and waste.

Between five and six years ago A. O. Mason bought a 150-acre farm six miles north of Maryville for \$12 and \$15 an acre. Yesterday he sold it for \$125 an acre, or a total of \$18,750, thereby getting more than double for the same land a few years ago. It was sold to J. H. Hay and J. R. Hay of Andrew county, who will take possession March 1, 1916.

Cass county earned \$6,800,000 worth of hog market bonds last Tuesday in the presence of committees selected from all over the country to witness the confirmation. In the lot of bonds to be burned is one lot in the possession of the county court at Quince City, when two members of the court lost their lives at the hands of an angry mob. This lot of bonds was never sold, but had been deposited in the vault in the basement of the court house for many years.

A Linn county farmer suspects his son of having swindled him. His a team wagon the farmer conveyed the Browning band boys to a neighbor's house the upper, on the return trip the boys left their music in the hay in the wagon bed, and when a search was made for the missing music a day later it was learned that "old Tom" had been dining on hay and sheet music sandwiches.

Pineville folks narrowly missed a big lottery. Way the Democratic "What probably might have been the former legal battle over a civil suit tried before a Justice of the peace was killed to come up before Justice of the Peace J. C. Jones, Monday, but fortunately for the belligerents and their friends the case was nonganglous and before it reached the critical point."

Mrs. Alta McMaster, a Dixieville widow with several children, and about whom the neighbors had been talking, refused entry into her home to a young man, and when he tried to force his way in shot and killed him. She pleaded guilty to manslaughter when the case came to trial but the sympathy of the community was so strongly in her favor that Judge Thurman has paroled her. The father of the young man she killed was among those who asked that she be paroled.

Old Santa Claus had a hot time at No. 5 school near Eureka. Friday night, his beard catching fire as he started to make distribution from the well laden tree. The beard was thrown outdoors and a clean-shaven saint continued to bring joy and merriment to the hearts of those assembled. Jim Lamb was the Santa Claus of this occasion, and he declares that was the quickest and cleanest shave that he ever received.

Officially dead for fifteen years, Glass City, Cass county, is threatened with civic resurrection. The town was laid out in 1862 and chartered in 1881. About fifteen years ago the town government lapsed, since which time the community has been without officers or valid ordinances. Now the two hundred or more residents have agreed that a town government should be restored and will petition the county court to name a temporary mayor and board of aldermen to serve until the April election.

The Milan Standard heard some folks talking about hard times and felt obliged to admonish them: "You know what's the matter with you?" asked the Standard. "Too much gasoline, too much bank, bank! Too much skirt and picture shows. You've been traveling too fast a gait. You have been traveling a 12,400 road when you ought to have been riding on a 10,000 road. And the 1000 guys have been trying to travel with the 12,400 fellows. That's the trouble. It's not hard times—the darned times. Wake up! Interview yourself in the morning and talk slower."

The story of Hiram Skinner, the wealthy farmer of Clinton, Mo., who lost \$1,000 on a fake foot race in Denver, is still on the way. Many papers take a punch at Hiram and incidentally at Clinton. This paper has already pointed out that Hiram doesn't otherwise around here. We enough—fools of our own without having some other Clinton's wished on us this way.—Henry County Democrat.

T. A. Dodge of the Milan Standard is not courageous to be skeptical as to weather prophecy, but he is getting almost peevish about it. Says he: "We have lost faith in the grousing, the hawks on the corn, the muskrat, etc., etc., as weather prognosticators. When you can't keep warm in December by wrapping yourself up in

about half a dozen heavy comforters and blankets, after the muskrat and grousing have told us we were to have a short, warm winter, the only conclusion we can arrive at is that the grousing bone and muskrat are about like all the weather prophets we have ever known."

### A FEW BOOSTS FOR STATE OF MISSOURI

Here are a few random "boosts" for Missouri sent out from the state university agricultural department:

Among the items of Missouri's tremendous revenue from its fields, orchards and gardens last year may be mentioned \$20,000,000 for hogs, \$50,000,000 for poultry, \$1,000,000 for honey and beeswax, \$300,000 for blackberries, \$400,000 for peaches, \$100,000 for tomatoes and \$100,000 for onions.

Missouri is rapidly increasing its herds of pure bred beef cattle. The ranking of the various states in regard to the number of Herefords owned in each shows that Missouri ranks second, being topped only by Iowa. Kansas is third, with Illinois fourth and Texas fifth.

Neither Rhode Island nor Kentucky now holds the title of "hanner turkey state." Missouri has won it. The Ozarks region raises more turkeys than any similar area in the world and the turkeys are larger and fatter than those bred in any other section.

Missourians who will attend the San Francisco exposition next year will be splendidly entertained by the Missouri Society of California, the members of which are former Missourians. This society has a membership of 1,100.

"Made in Missouri" miles will be a conspicuous feature of the Missouri exhibit at the exposition. Mules are another of the products in which Missouri leads the world.

Missouri ranchers are now running night and day filling contracts for millions of dollars worth of army goods, and Missouri minks are being shipped out from the nations at war in Europe.

Eighty-three clubs of Missouri boys and girls, with a total membership of 2,113 have been organized since September 1, by an instructor in the Missouri college of agriculture to study corn raising and judging, tomato growing and canning, stock judging, poultry farming and sewing.

### WORLD FAMOUS CATTLE TO BE SHOWN AT FAIR

The press bulletin of the livestock department of the Panama exposition says that, thanks to the energy of Dr. G. L. Likely, chief of that department, and of Hon. Eugene Grubb, special representative to European countries, some of the cattle of the world-famous Chillingham Park herd have been secured for exhibition.

The bulletin tells us that this is the second time in history when specimens of these wild white native cattle of Great Britain have been allowed to leave Chillingham Park, where they have been confined since the year 1720. This herd is known to be directly descended from the original cattle of the progenitors of all indigenous breeds. Chillingham Park, the home of these remarkable animals, is situated among the lakes and hills of the north of England, to the east of the western moorland, in the county of Northumberland. In fact, in the immediate vicinity of Durham, which county gave its name to perhaps the most valuable breed of cattle known to man—the Durham—now divided and better known as Shorthorn. It can be understood how stockmen will be interested in making comparisons.

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While it has been the pleasure of Lord and Lady Tankerville to invite their friends for an annual hunt among these wild cattle for the purpose of reducing the surplus number of bulls, it is true that in the entire period during which they have been restrained in Chillingham Park, no live animal has been removed from this herd, except two specimens which were trapped and removed for exhibition in the London Zoological Gardens.

The bulletin tells us this is the only one in existence and that these animals should have maintained their character, their beauty, their strength and their qualities throughout the more than 100 years of restraint in this famous park, without the advantage of the infusion of any

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